

Egyptian-Israeli trade talks end

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian and Israeli officials concluded three days of talks Wednesday saying they were optimistic that bilateral trade, frozen last year after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, would soon resume. Israel's chief delegate, Avraham Ashery, told reporters after a six-hour session: "We are confident that practical results of these talks will be felt in the near future." Egypt's deputy minister for foreign trade, Ahmad Wafaa Al Din, also expressed optimism on the outcome of the talks. Trade ties, along with other moves to normalise relations between the two countries, were frozen by Egypt in protest at Israel's military action. Mr. Ashery said Egypt, the only Arab country to sign a treaty with Israel, had indicated it intended "to facilitate trade with Israel."

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Norway helped Sweden identify NATO sub'

STOCKHOLM (R) — Top Norwegian naval officers helped Sweden identify one of a number of submarines intruding in Swedish waters last October as a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) vessel, the business newspaper Dagens Industri said Wednesday. Norway is a member of the North Atlantic alliance. Sweden is neutral. On Tuesday, Dagens Industri quoted what it called well informed Swedish and foreign defence sources as saying hydrophone signals emitted by one of the submarines showed it was from an unspecified NATO country.

Soviet navy recovers fallen 'satellite'

CANBERRA (R) — Soviet navy ships Wednesday recovered from the Indian Ocean what Australian defence officials believe was a military satellite. The officials said the satellite splashed down 300 miles south of the Cocos Islands, off Australia's west coast. It was taken aboard by the Soviet force, which included two guided missile destroyers, three space vehicle recovery ships, a support ship and a missile range instrumentation vessel. Australia's air force and navy monitored the vessels as they waited for the satellite to splash down Wednesday morning, defense officials said.

Cheysson ends visit to Algiers

PARIS (R) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson left Algiers Tuesday after a short visit or talk with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and his foreign minister, Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim. Diplomatic sources said one of Mr. Cheysson's main reasons for his visit was to convince Algeria to attend a conference of Western Mediterranean countries proposed by France.

Libyan cargo plane crashes near Tripoli

ANKARA (R) — A Libyan cargo airplane crashed in a sandstorm near Tripoli on Monday killing all five crew aboard, Turkish state news reported Wednesday. Two Turks, Pilot Aydin Tekkoc and flight Engineer Yalcin Altin, were among the dead. The others were two Libyans and one Briton but the radio did not identify them. The plane, a Boeing 707 belonging to the Libyan charter company United African Airlines, had carried meat from Ankara to Libya, in southern Libya, and crashed on its return journey, the adio said.

Istanbul demands death penalty for 17

ISTANBUL (R) — The death penalty was demanded for four defendants when 17 alleged members of an extreme leftist faction went on trial in an Istanbul military court Wednesday. The 7, said by the prosecution to belong to a group called the Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Union-Progressive Liberation Organisation, were accused of murder, armed robbery and membership of an illegal coop. All but one are in detention.

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Shamir returns to Israel with new proposals Reagan assures Lebanon of continued U.S. efforts for Israeli withdrawal

WASHINGTON (R) — Lebanon's special envoy met President Reagan Wednesday and said he was given an assurance

that the United States would press efforts to secure the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

Saab Salam, a former Lebanese prime minister who has participated in four days of Washington talks involving U.S., Israeli and Lebanese officials, quoted Mr. Reagan as saying "I have no reverse gear" in American policy.

Reiterating his government's refusal to have a continuing Israeli presence in Lebanon, Mr. Salam said: "He (Mr. Reagan) is going ahead. He wants Lebanon out of its belt but not before Lebanon reached an accord with Israel."

He said the United States believed Syrian and Palestinian forces would leave along with the Israeli but not before Lebanon reached an accord with Israel.

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The senior official who briefed reporters said U.S. envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper would return to the Middle East this

weekend with instructions to try to "wrap it up" and win an agreement for withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

Mr. Salam was accompanied to the White House by Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem, who declined to add to remarks made to reporters by Mr. Salam.

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The United States wants a total pullback of Israeli troops, who

invaded Lebanon last June. The U.S. official said the Reagan administration believed the Lebanese army was capable of guaranteeing security in southern Lebanon.

But he underlined U.S. willingness to consider the idea of expanding the current multinational force in Beirut, composed of troops from the United States, Italy, France and Britain, for duty in the south.

Mr. Salam, asked if U.S. Marines would be sent to southern Lebanon, replied: "That is a question that is hanging."

He said President Reagan assured the Lebanese delegation he would still pursue his policy "of trying to give all help to free Lebanon of all occupying forces and also to help Lebanon to get reconstituted by its government."

"We cannot have anything that infringes on the sovereignty of Lebanon..." Mr. Salam said. "No foreign troops in occupation, no Israeli troops. No other troops."

14 multinational troopers injured in Beirut attacks

BEIRUT (R) — Fourteen U.S. and Italian soldiers were injured Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in the worst spate of attacks on the four-nation peace force since it arrived in Beirut last September, officials said.

Officers in both contingents of the 5,000-strong multinational force said they would continue to run patrols through the Lebanese capital despite the three attacks.

Five U.S. Marines were injured Wednesday morning when a hand grenade was hurled at a 12-man patrol as it was passing through the southern suburb of Ouzai, just north of the Marine base at Beirut airport, a U.S. spokesman said.

Late Tuesday night, two jeeps full of Italian troops were attacked with small arms on the airport road, informed Italian sources said. When a team of paratroopers went to search for the attackers, they too came under fire and a two-minute gunbattle ensued.

Nine Italians were injured, the sources said. One officer lost his foot when it was hit by a rifle-launched grenade and two soldiers were temporarily paralysed and underwent surgery in an Italian field hospital.

Lebanese army soldiers immediately cordoned off the area of the attack on the Marines. State-run Beirut Radio said four suspects were arrested but there was no clue to the identity of the assaillants.

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was locked in battle over posts and policies with right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss Wednesday as an open power struggle developed over the future shape of his coalition government.

The Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), sister party of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), demanded that Mr. Strauss, its leader, be allowed to take his pick of cabinet jobs.

The call, published in the CSU newspaper *Bayernkurier* as the third round of coalition talks began, angered Christian Democratic officials who said the CSU leader's public bid for power was becoming increasingly embarrassing and unseemly.

The 67-year-old Bavarian leader

submitted a long paper demanding changes in foreign policy strongly opposed by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who leads Mr. Kohl's Free Democratic (FDP) junior coalition partners.

The FDP had insisted Mr. Genscher keep his job despite the ambitions of Mr. Strauss. Conservative newspapers rep-

orted bitter exchanges between Mr. Strauss and Mr. Kohl in the closed-door talks, which the CDU and CSU began on Monday. Talks with the FDP open Thursday.

Speculation on Mr. Strauss' ambitions was fanned by reports, spread by his aides, that he was now angling for the economics ministry, held by Otto Lambsdorff of the FDP.

Strauss' quest for power sparks coalition in-fight

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Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, who is among those who could be replaced, said: "My only desire is to serve the country and President Mitterrand."

One of his possible successors, Industry Minister Jean-Pierre Chevénement, told journalists with a shrug: "None of us has a guaranteed job."

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Similar remarks were made by senior presidential advisor Jacques Attali although he stressed that Mr. Mitterrand would take account of the lessons of the left's electoral rebuff.

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2 Israeli officers killed near Beirut

TEL AVIV (R) — Two Israeli army officers were killed Wednesday when their vehicle hit a landmine near Beirut on the road to Damascus, an Israeli army spokesman said. The incident occurred near the town of Kahlil and Israeli soldiers were searching the area, the spokesman added. Earlier, Lebanese security sources in Beirut said a rocket-propelled grenade had destroyed an Israeli car in the same area.



His Majesty King Hussein speaks with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker before his departure to Bonn Wednesday (Petra photo)

King arrives in Bonn

Fes summit last September.

The mission has already visited the four other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council—the U.S., France, the Soviet Union and China.

The King is scheduled to hold talks with President Karl Carstens, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Mr. Genscher, in addition to other senior West German officials.

West Germany is the current chairman of the European Economic Community and Bonn officials have said that Jordan's role in future Middle East peace talks will be discussed at the EEC summit in Brussels next Monday.

The King, who is due in London on Friday, is accompanied by Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, and several senior officials.

The Arab delegation is expected to explain to the British government an Arab peace plan for the Middle East, adopted at the

Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as the Regent before the King's departure.

The King was seen off at Amman Airport by His Highness Prince Mohammad. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, senior army officers as well as the West German and British ambassador in Jordan.

Another letter bomb defused near Thatcher home

LONDON (R) — A letter bomb addressed to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official residence was discovered for the second day running Wednesday, police said.

The bomb Wednesday was detected in a London postal sorting office. Like one delivered to Mrs. Thatcher's 10 Downing Street residence Tuesday it was safely defused.

The plan calls for an independent Palestinian state in the occupied territories and has been seen as recognising implicitly Israel.

Mr. Carter, who met Palestinian leaders in Cairo and the West Bank and Gaza, said he had no plans to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasir Arafat.

Mr. Carter, who had talks with King Fahd Tuesday, said they discussed the Middle East, the Gulf war and bilateral relations.

In Damascus later Syria gave Mr. Carter a respectful welcome despite its fierce opposition to the Camp David accords.

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5 women protesters injured

Israeli troops open fire on Sidon demonstrators

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Eye-witnesses said five women were wounded Wednesday when Israeli troops fired on a Palestinian student demonstration in this South Lebanon port, but the Israelis denied there were any casualties.

The demonstrators were demanding the release of prisoners at Ansar camp in South Lebanon, where the Israelis are holding 5,500 Palestinians and Lebanese arrested since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last year.

The Israeli tightened security around their headquarters and barred even Lebanese security forces from parking nearby.

The witnesses said the Israelis used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators as they tried to cross a barbed wire barrier and head for the Israeli military headquarters in Sidon.

When the protesters replied with stones, injuring an Israeli soldier in the head, the Israelis opened fire. Five women suffering mainly from leg wounds were taken to hospital, the witnesses said.

Three other women would be discharged Thursday, he said.

But an Israeli military spokesman near Beirut said Israeli troops fired only in the air, and added: "There is no record of any

Iranian rebels outline new seven-point plan to end Iran-Iraq war

PARIS (R) — Members of the Paris-based Iranian National Council of Resistance (INCR) Wednesday announced a seven-point plan for ending the two-and-a-half year war between Iran and Iraq.

FEATURES

Siberia: Land of high wages and adventure

By Mark Wood
Reuter

YAKUTSK. Siberia — Despite the hardships, people still come to settle in Yakutsk, capital of Siberia's Yakutia region, one of the coldest inhabited places on earth.

They are lured by high wages or a sense of adventure and the population has climbed rapidly to around 200,000.

The authorities do everything they can to encourage them. The city is the centre of development for Yakutia, a region 12 times the size of Britain, rich in gold, diamonds, coal, gas and tin — mostly unexploited.

Residents have had to adapt to life in a city with nine months of bitter winter and temperatures plunging to minus 60 centigrade (minus 76 fahrenheit). Outside

they look into each other's faces for the white puffiness which marks the start of frostbite on the cheeks or nose.

Yakutsk's city grave-diggers hazard a rough guess each summer about how many people will die in the coming year and spend a frantic few weeks preparing their last resting places.

Grave-digging in the capital of Eastern Siberia's Yakutia region is limited to between June and September when the top layer of permafrost — permanently frozen subsoil — melts.

With a bravado that comes from battling such extremes, the people of Yakutsk joke about a "heatwave" when the thermometer rises to minus 30 centigrade (minus 22 fahrenheit) in February but even at that temperature the cold poses a constant danger.

To pass by a drunk collapsed in

the street is a criminal offence, but no Siberian would do so anyway.

"You do get used to the cold after a while, except when it goes below minus 50 (minus 58 fahrenheit). At that temperature the ice fog comes down, and it's difficult to breathe," said Nellie Medvedeva, a long-time resident.

The fog, caused by exhaust, breath and heating fumes freezing in midair, paralyses the city, grounding the planes which are the major link with the outside world and halting traffic.

Even at slightly less fearsome temperatures getting around is tricky. Once a car or truck engine is running it is not turned off, and vehicles drive out of the city only in convoys. A breakdown would otherwise mean death.

Mayor Vladislav Shamshin told visiting reporters that construction costs are four times those

in the European part of the country, because houses have to have walls a metre (three feet) thick and triple glazing.

Materials are mostly hauled up the mighty Lena River, 16 kilometres (10 miles) wide at Yakutsk, by barge during the short summer. In winter frozen rivers form the only passable roads.

But the planners' biggest challenge has been the frozen ground.

"Permafrost covers half the territory of the Soviet Union and in each area it is different," said Pavel Melnikov, head of Yakutsk's Permafrost Institute.

Where it is "active" the ground is likely to erupt or subside, carrying houses, roads and railway lines with it.

Building was always a problem as the heat from houses melted the soil beneath them and gradually they sank. In the old part of Yak-

utsk log cabins are often submerged up to the first-floor windows.

The answer in Yakutsk has been to build an entire new city on stilts. Concrete piles are drilled deep into the ground and multi-storey blocks built on top of them with up to two metres clearance from the ground to prevent melting.

Another major difficulty is food. Supplies must be brought in by plane and a rationing system limits each resident to less than two kilos (4.4 lb) of meat a month.

Mr. Shamshin said there were attempts to increase farming during the summer months and two local collective already provided enough cabbage and potatoes for most of the year.

Livestock farms are being developed to breed horses as an auxiliary meat source, since cows fare poorly in the cold.

Many of the people who come to Yakutsk return to the warmer west after three or four years, leaving the authorities the constant task of finding new manpower.

Less than a million people live in the entire region, the site of many of the labour camps of Stalin's time. Half the present population are native Yakuts and most of the others Russians.

Settlers soon fall into the island mentality encouraged by the isolation. Although Yakutsk is hundreds of kilometres from any sea they refer to the south and west as the "mainland".

Most people use the six weeks holiday granted to northern workers to escape to the sunny shores of the Black Sea, for even the brief hot Siberian summer offers only mixed comforts.

"There is beautiful, wild coun-

tryside all around and marvelous hunting and fishing," Mrs. Medvedeva said. "But you have to contend the whole time with swarms of vicious mosquitoes and they can make life unbearable."

While most of Yakutsk's inhabitants are linked to mining and exploration, others are dedicated to opening up the secrets of the permafrost.

Staff at the geological institute have already uncovered the remains of mammoths perfectly preserved in the frozen soil and discovered that hunters in the region 13,000 years ago used the ground as a refrigerator to store their meat.

Their findings have led them to the theory that the brown-haired mammoths were wiped out by the hunters and did not become extinct through natural causes.

The biggest modern concern of permafrost experts is to stop mining and building activities destroying the fragile Siberian environment, where a tree can take a century to grow.

In many areas only a thin layer of soil covers a thick sheet of ice and disturbances can turn whole areas into a frozen desert.

But scientists have come to regard the permafrost as more of a friend than an enemy.

"This is an arid area and without the permafrost there would be no moisture for topsoil vegetation at all. The whole of Siberia would be either an expanse of emptiness or covered in glaciers like Greenland," Dr. Melnikov said.

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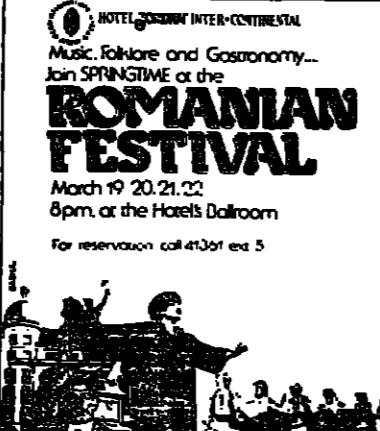
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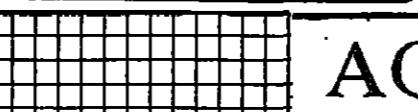
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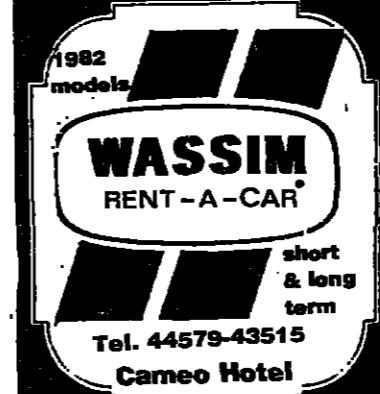
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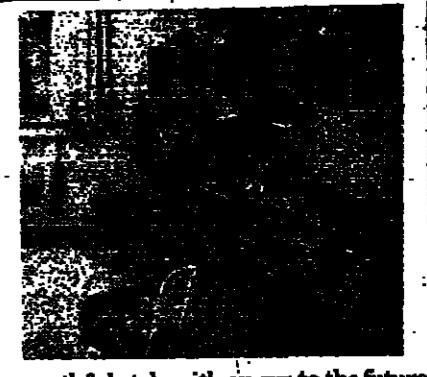
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Lower oil prices to save Jordan \$84m in 1983

AMMAN (J.T.) — OPEC's decision to lower oil prices from \$34 to \$29 a barrel will reduce Jordan's oil bill by 15 per cent, according the Jordanian daily Sawt Al Shaab quoting an informed source at the Ministry of Finance.

It said that Jordan is expected to consume 20 million barrels of oil in 1983 and with the reduction in the price of oil, the country will therefore pay \$100 million less. In effect the country will pay

\$84 million less for the last ten months of this year if OPEC's new prices are brought into being as of March 1, the paper said.

According to the source, the government's subsidy on domestic oil prices amounted to JD 58 million before the recent increase in fuel prices in Jordan, dropping to JD 50 million after it. When OPEC's prices come into force, the source added, the government's subsidy will drop to JD 21 million.

Qasem to lead team to Tunis Afro-Arab committee meeting

TUNIS (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem will lead Jordan's delegation to the meeting of the Afro-Arab cooperation standing committee which will open in Tunis Monday. The meeting will be attended by foreign ministers from 24 Arab and African countries.

Interest rates reduced

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Central Bank of Jordan has issued instructions to local commercial banks reducing interest rates on customers deposits. From now on interest paid on savings accounts will receive a maximum interest of six per cent. This will rise to 6.5 per cent on a fixed deposit for one month, seven per cent for three months, 7.75 for six months and eight per cent for one year.

According to the instructions, customers will not be allowed to draw on their fixed accounts until the maturity date. If however a customer requests to draw on a fixed deposit, the bank will be allowed to offer that customer credit facilities with the deposit acting as a guarantee. Once the agreement on the deposit account is breached the money will receive a maximum interest of four per cent, the normal rate for current accounts, the instructions said.

During the two-day meeting delegates will discuss ways to bolster Afro-Arab cooperation in the political, economic, financial and cultural fields. Mr. Qasem and other Arab foreign ministers will also hold separate talks before the official meeting.



Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani (second from right) presides over the final session of the Arab

Labour Conference which concluded in Amman Wednesday (Petra photo)

ALO resolution to outline W. Bank working terms

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Labour Conference (ALO), which ended in Amman Wednesday, said it will submit a resolution on the conditions of Arab labourers in the occupied Arab territories to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 69th meeting in Geneva this June.

A statement issued at the end of the final session said that a special four-nation committee, chaired by Jordan, has been established to draw up this resolution. The committee will also work out a plan to coordinate the Arab lobby before and during the ILO's conference. To this end they also hope to include commemoration of Palestine solidarity day with an exhibition of photographs and documents that reveal Israel's inhuman treatment of the Palestinian people.

The conference, which lasted 11 days, called on Arab states to implement the agreements on labourers, social services and pay. It

with Iran to persuade it to end the war "which only serves imperialist goals in the region and adversely affects its prosperity."

The conference issued an appeal to world governments and organisations to extend support to the Eritrean people's struggle, and assist it in its struggle to attain its legitimate rights to self-determination.

In the closing session Wednesday the delegates discussed a number of clauses in the ALO's budget for 1984, and the budgets for its various branches and agencies. The delegates also heard speeches by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, as an official policy document.

The

conference issued an appeal for an end to the Iraq-Iran war and voiced appreciation of Iraq's readiness to end the fighting. The conference called on all governments, employers and trade union groups, as well as the Jordanian Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani.

The conference decided to hold its 12th meeting in May 1984 in the Iraqi capital Baghdad.

Sarvath presents diplomas at Community College

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Sarvath Wednesday attended a ceremony to present diplomas to participants in a training course on educational techniques. The course was held at the University of Jordan, and the graduation ceremony was held at Princess Sarvath Community College.

At the outset of the ceremony, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Taib made a speech outlining his ministry's interest in developing Jordanian community colleges, and improving the quality of education in Jordan. The Ministry of Education has pledged to develop education in the country during the present decade with the focus of attention on the teacher, who is the essential element in the educational process, the minister said.

Travel agents society to elect new board

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Society of Travel Agents (JSTA) will hold a meeting in Amman Thursday to elect a new board. Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ma'an Abu Nowar and Tourism Director Michael Hamarneh will attend the meeting, which will also discuss the society's financial and administrative reports, and a future policy programme for the JSTA.

According to JSTA's President Yasser Abu AJ Su'd the par-

ticipants will review the conditions of various Jordanian travel agencies and will pass resolutions as well as issuing licences for new travel agencies.

Also to be discussed is the establishment of a tourism information fund. Mr. Abu Su'd said. The participants, he said, will view ways of coordinating their activities with airlines that operate in Jordan with a view to boost tourism.

Chamber receives food supply fair invitation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Commerce has received an invitation to participate in an international food supply fair to open in Salónica, Greece on April 17. The chamber circulated copies of the invitation to Jordanian food merchants who might be interested in taking part in the week-long fair.

Labour meeting cables gratitude to Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates to the Arab Labour Conference, which has just ended in Amman, Wednesday sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein expressing gratitude and deep appreciation for his hosting of the conference, and provision of all necessary facilities to achieve success.

The conference, which was chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, had been offered backup facilities by the Jordanian government enabling it to achieve

success and adopt resolutions and recommendations designed to serve the interests of the Arab Nation, the cable said.

According to the cable, Prince Hassan's speech, delivered to the opening session of the conference, "had left a deep impression on all delegates since it diagnosed the present Arab and international situations, and put forward proposals for tackling problems arising in the future."



Stephanie Beacham, as Olivia, John Warner, Malvolio, rehearse a scene from William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" which opens Thursday for three nights at the Royal Cultural Centre (British Council Photo)

Shakespeare Group to play in Jordan

By A. Rahim Abu-Swailim
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath, the "London Shakespeare Group", sponsored by the British Council, will present William Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night" at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Thursday.

The London Shakespeare Group, one of Britain's best known companies, consists of four full-time actors employed by the British Council who, for this play, will be joined by four guest artists. The group has for 15 years been taking Shakespeare's masterpieces to many parts of the world.

The name "London Shakespeare Group" was first adopted by the British Council in 1968, when four actors were invited

to Japan to present shortened classical adaptations. However, the British Council has been sending trained actors around the world since 1963. Under the late Peter Potter's direction, the play "Julius Caesar" was first produced, with groups touring East Africa in 1964 and the West Indies in late 1966 and early 1967.

In the autumn of 1975 Gary Raymond and Delena Kidd toured northern Nigeria with versions of "Macbeth" and the "Merchant of Venice". Two months later, Suzan Farmer and John Fraser took the same two plays to southern Nigeria.

Late in 1976 Raymond and Farmer joined together to produce a version of "Romeo and Juliet" to take on tour in East Africa. Due to the success of this production the group was invited the following year to visit Japan, India, Pakistan and Korea.

In 1978, four actors took four Shakespeare plays to East Africa, Mauritius and the Seychelles. In 1979, another four actors took five different Shakespeare plays to Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and the Middle East.

The group, led by Fraser, Farmer, Kidd and Raymond, has visited 26 countries over the last seven years. John Fraser's production of "Twelfth Night" was first produced on a tour of the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, China and Japan spanning October to December 1982.

In presenting Shakespeare's plays, the group aims to perform with as much clarity and uncluttered narrative as possible. This is designed to help audiences encountering the pieces for the first time, and to achieve a realistic effect given the very limited props available when relying on three mobile trucks.

The group's four guest stars are

Stephanie Beacham, Richard Hefner, Richard Howard and Judy Geeson.

The London Shakespeare Group are putting on three performances of "Twelfth Night" from Thursday March 17th to Saturday March 19th inclusive at the Royal Cultural Centre starting at 7 p.m.

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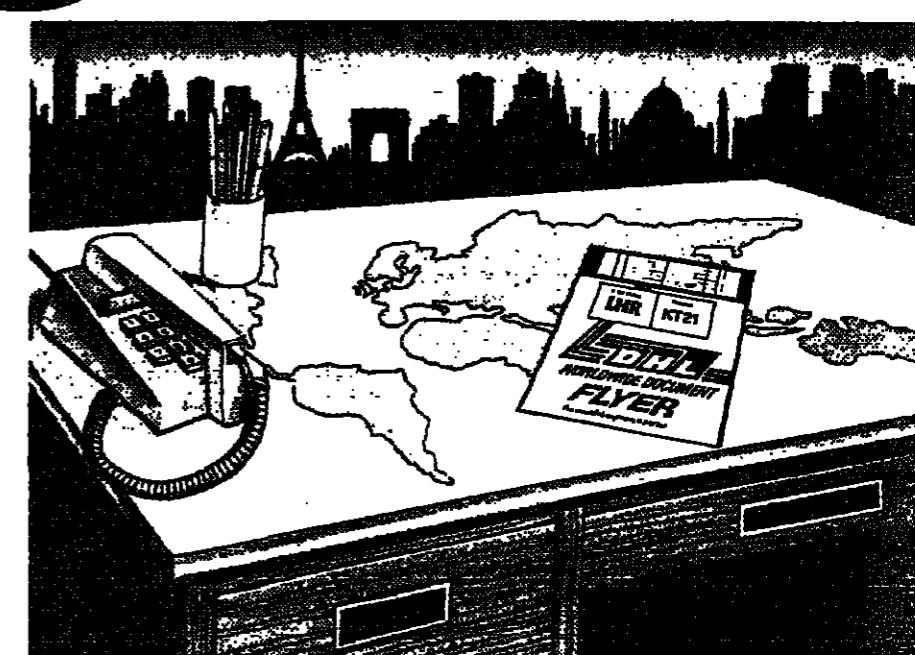
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SPORTS

Magri ends Mercedes' reign as WBC flyweight champion

LONDON (R) — Eusebio Mercedes' brief reign as World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight champion came to an end at Wembley Tuesday night when he was stopped by Britain's Charlie Magri in the seventh round of their scheduled 12-round title fight.

Mercedes, born in the Dominican Republic but now resident in Mexico City, was left bloodied and battered as the European champion produced the finest performance of his 30-fight career in a nerve-tightening contest.

Mercedes, who took the title from Mexican Freddie Castillo last November, was pulled out of the ring after one minute 14 seconds of the seventh round by the ring doctor.

He had been carrying a nasty gash under his left eye from the fourth round and every stinging Magri blow made the blood run faster from that cut and another over the eye.

Ironically until the cut, Mercedes had looked every bit as impressive as Magri and was probably level on points at the finish.

War was declared from the opening bell of the fight and Magri narrowly won the first round thanks to a furious assault in the last minute which had the champion covering up against the ropes.

While Magri was looking to land one big blow, Mercedes kept the safety switch in his right hand in the air position. But his lightning left jab repeatedly found the challenger's chin.

Magri switched his attack to the

body in the third and fourth rounds but the dancing Mercedes was often an elusive target, skipping nimbly out of range or weaving and ducking when trapped in a corner.

The fourth will long be remembered as one of the best ever rounds in world championship boxing.

Magri and Mercedes stood toe to toe in the middle of the ring trading punches. When the champion was finally forced to step back, blood was streaming down his left cheek. The fatal blow had been struck.

A change of tactics almost brought Magri the title in the fifth.

Four sledgehammer hooks to the body—astonishing punches for a flyweight—took the wind out of Mercedes and the champion was

left helpless as the Briton unleashed a flurry of unanswered blows.

But again Mercedes came back and he had Magri in trouble in the sixth. The challenger seemed unable to anticipate the Mercedes jab although the champion was having trouble seeing out of his damaged eye.

The doctor inspected the wounds during the interval and although he allowed Mercedes to continue he had no hesitation in calling a halt as Magri immediately went back to work on the eye.

Magri, 26, has now won 28 of his 30 contests. Mercedes' record shows 11 wins, seven losses and two draws.

Both men weighed 111½ pounds (51.5 kgs).

Sheffield Wednesday reaches English F.A. Cup semi-finals

LONDON (R) — Sheffield Wednesday became the last club to reach the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup semi-finals when they crushed Burnley 4-0 in their replay Tuesday night to earn a clash with Brighton in the last four.

A crowd of some 40,000 at Sheffield were given plenty to shout about as Wednesday, coached by former England star Jack Charlton, opened a 3-0 half time lead in the all-second division match

and added two more after the break.

Gary Shelton scored the first goal after 17 minutes when a terrible back pass by Ray Flynn gave him an open goal to fire at. He added the second 11 minutes later and Gary Megson made it 3-0 with a penalty in the 41st minute.

Andy McCulloch headed the fourth home in the 57th minute and also added the fifth five minutes from time. The teams drew 1-1 at Burnley last Saturday.

Wednesday meet Brighton on the neutral north London Highbury home of Arsenal in one of the April 16 semi-finals. Arsenal play the favourites, Manchester United, at Villa Park in the other.

Arsenal had a disappointing 2-1 first division loss to Birmingham Tuesday night but Everton shrugged off their heartbreaking, injury time 1-0 defeat to Manchester United in the Cup on Saturday by beating Southampton 2-0.

Barbara Potter had created a 1-1 draw in the second round over compatriot Barbara Hallquist.

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Amarnath leads spirited Indian revival against West Indies

PONT-DE-SAINTE-EMILIE (R) — Mohinder Amarnath hit his second half-century of the match to lead a spirited Indian revival in the second cricket test against West Indies at the Queens Park Oval Tuesday.

But the West Indians, 219 runs ahead on first innings, remained firmly in control with one day left to play.

India ended the fourth day on 169 for two. The West Indians, replying to India's first innings total of 175, had earlier taken their first innings score to 394.

Amarnath, a 34-year-old all-rounder, played a dour and determined innings to be 54 not out at the close and had already put on 37 runs for the third wicket with Dilip Vengsarkar, not out 20.

Earlier, Sunil Gavaskar and Anshuman Gaekwad had given India a solid start, putting on 63 for the first wicket. But the major contribution India must have expected from Gavaskar, who had made at least 50 in each of his previous four tests here, was not forthcoming.

The pitch had in any case become so tranquil that the West Indies' last pair, Holding and Garner, were hampered by their fourth paceman, veteran Andy Roberts, being off the field with a temperature in the closing stages.

Marshall nevertheless generated a lot of pace early on, but in

striving for that extra yard bowled

10 no-balls. Holding was also calmed eight times and bowled his

second spell, into the wind, at reduced pace.

The doctility of the pitch was well illustrated by the fact that the second Indian wicket fell to the gentle off-spin of Larry Gomes who had Gaekwad caught for 35 after he had resisted the might of the pace attack for over three-and-a-quarter hours.

The West Indians clearly believe that Amarnath is still vulnerable to the short ball and Marshall laid down a barrage.

Amarnath hooked the first one to the boundary but was later hit on the helmet by another short delivery which raced away for four leg-byes.

West Indies began the day at 335 for seven and Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev made that 340 for eight with his 200th wicket in 50 test matches when he bowled Roberts for nine.

Only two other Indian bowlers have taken 200 test wickets, both of them spinners. Bishen Bedi tops the list 266 and Bhagwat Chandrasekhar took 242.



German photographer wins sports picture award

STUTTGART (DaD) — Eugen Zimmermann, 40, has been a successful sports photographer for 10 years, but he had never entered a competition until last year. Then, he sent in a selection of his work to the World Press Photograph Competition, and one picture, taken during the German women's gymnastic championships, was awarded first place in the sports category. The nine-member selection panel comprised journalists and photo journalists from Finland, Czechoslovakia, the People's Republic of China, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, the Netherlands and the USA. The competition attracted 750 entrants who submitted a total of 4,377 photographs.

Eiter defeats Manson in WCT tourney

MUNICH, West Germany (R) — Local hero Peter Eiter beat American Bruce Manson 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 in the Munich World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament Tuesday and looked set for a second round clash with top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

Eiter, labouring under a stomach muscle strain, looked nervous in the first two sets but soon regained his form and eliminated Manson in two hours.

THE Daily Crossword

By James R. Burns

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ECONOMY

Government gives modest boost to Britons' budgets

LONDON (R) — Britain's Conservative government has given a modest boost to family budgets, but no clear signal that a general election is at hand.

Finance Minister Geoffrey Howe's annual budget made net tax cuts of about £1.6 million (\$2.4 million) without attempting any powerful stimulus of the economy in which 13.7 per cent of workers is unemployed.

The battle against inflation — now down to 4.9 per cent a year — remained the government's first priority, he told the House of Commons.

Politicians were watching closely for cues about the plans of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has been in office for nearly four years and must call a general election this year or early next.

Most felt that Sir Geoffrey's cautious budget made a June election unlikely and the odds on October, already the most probable date, had grown stronger.

Opposition parties quickly attacked Sir Geoffrey, saying he had failed to do anything about record unemployment.

Labour leader Mr. Michael Foot called his measures "trivial."

USSR promotes gold nuggets to Western public

ZURICH (R) — The Soviet Union has begun a drive to sell gold nuggets direct to the public in an apparent move to raise foreign exchange in the West.

The windows of the Soviet Union's Wozchob Bank in Zurich were Tuesday full of dull lumps of gold described as "masterpieces of nature released from the dark womb of the earth."

In London, the bank for foreign trade of the USSR took advertisements in the Financial Times reminding investors and collectors of the "rarity, beauty and durability" of Russian gold nuggets.

The adver said the bank was also offering gold leaf for sale.

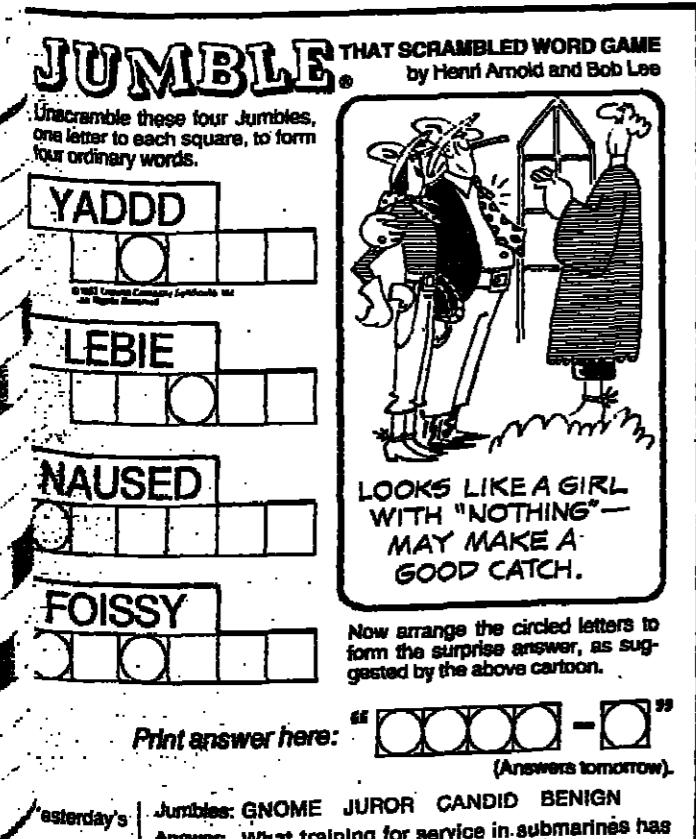
The nuggets are being sold at the current market price — at present around 30 Swiss francs (\$14.5) per gramme — plus a supplement of 50 to 100 per cent for their beauty and rarity as collectors' items, a spokesman in Zurich said.

This makes a top price of around 2,000 francs (\$975), with smaller chunks costing considerably less. They are in their raw state, "refined by the glow of magma," according to the bank's advertisements.

The Wozchob Bank is the main outlet for the gold that the Soviet Union sells in the West to raise foreign exchange, mostly in Zurich and London.

Most consists of standard gold bars traded on international markets but some is also sold in the form of coins portraying a worker in a heroic pose before smoking factory chimneys.

The nuggets have been available for about four years but have not been prominently publicised before, the spokeswoman said.



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S. African journalist harassed

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African security police Wednesday conducted a surprise search of the home and office of Allister Sparks, one of the country's leading journalists.

Sparks said in an interview that five members of the police arrived unexpectedly at his suburban home and searched it thoroughly for more than two hours. He then accompanied them to his office where six officers continued the search.

Sparks, a former editor of the Rand Daily Mail in Johannesburg, is now the South African correspondent for the Washington Post, the London Observer and the Economist.

"The whole thing is a pretext for an act of intimidation," he said.

Sparks added that the police said they were looking for documents in connection with an article he wrote which quoted Winnie Mandela, the wife of imprisoned African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela.

Mrs. Mandela has been banned by the South African government and as such it is against the law for her to be quoted publicly.

Banned people are, however, routinely quoted in news article outside South Africa.

Sparks said another reason he suspected the article about Mrs. Mandela was not the real reason for the security police action was

that the piece was published overseas about a year ago.

Sparks said the search of his home and office was part of a heightened government campaign to harass the press, both foreign and domestic.

"This has to be seen in the context of recent events," he said, referring to two recent incidents, the secret trial and conviction of three journalists for violating press laws and the government's prevention of reporting of a speech made in parliament.

Ironically, one of Sparks' most recent articles was on the government's efforts to tighten controls on news reporting.

The Foreign Correspondents Association of Southern Africa, of which Sparks is a member, issued a statement strongly protesting against what it said was "outrageous harassment".

Security police also questioned and searched the nearby office of Bernard Simon, who reports for the associated Press-Dow Jones business news service. Like Sparks, Simon is a South African reporter serving overseas media.

Meanwhile, security police acknowledged in a statement that Sparks was the subject of an investigation and that material had been seized in their searches.

U.S. bars Libyans from aviation, nuclear studies

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States will no longer allow Libyan students to study nuclear science or aviation courses at American schools, a U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) spokesman said Tuesday.

The decision was the latest move by Washington against the Libyan government of Col. Muammar Qadhafi.

INS spokesman Duane Austin said Tuesday the new regulation went into effect last Friday and could result in sending home young Libyans who were in the country for the sole purpose of studying subjects related to aviation or nuclear sciences.

"The secretary of state has determined that this type of training is detrimental to the security of the United States," he said, quoting from the rule which bans study of subjects such as aviation, maintenance and flight operation.

The new rule means that U.S. embassies overseas will reject requests by Libyans "or third country nationals" acting on behalf of Libya for visas to study the subjects involved.

The department of state will also revoke previously issued non-immigrant visas when it is determined that the purpose of the individual's travel to the United States is to engage in the prohibited activity," the INS said.

The rule could force students to go home by prohibiting changes in their immigration status, school transfer, extension of stay and employment authorisation.

Where the purpose is to obtain the prohibited training or education", according to the new rule.

The official Libyan news agency JANA denounced the U.S. move as racist.

Spain irritates NATO

BRUSSELS (R) — Spain's Socialist government has irritated NATO officials by deciding to attend a meeting of defence ministers next week as an observer, diplomats of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said Wednesday.

They said Madrid's decision was embarrassing because there was no legal basis for observer status within NATO.

Although the government has frozen talks on integration in NATO's military wing, Spain remains a full member of the alliance it joined under a conservative government last May.

The Socialist administration's decision concerns a twice-yearly meeting of NATO's nuclear planning group, the main forum for talks on nuclear strategy, due to be

held in southern Portugal next Tuesday and Wednesday.

This half-way house position reflects the ambiguity of Spain's attitude towards NATO, the diplomats said.

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Tuesday ruled out an early referendum on NATO membership, arguing that a withdrawal could upset the delicate East-West balance in a period fraught with tension.

Some diplomats at NATO headquarters in Brussels expressed impatience with what they saw as dilatory tactics by the Spaniards.

"They want to be members of the club, draw benefits from the political consultations, but they are not ready to pay the subscription fee," one diplomat said.

Salvador human rights activist found killed

SAN SALVADOR (R) — The former president of El Salvador's human rights commission has been killed in a clash between troops and left-wing guerrillas, the army said Tuesday.

An army communique said that the dead woman, first thought to be a journalist, had been identified as Marianella Garcia Vilas, a founder of the commission who vanished from public life in 1980.

The announcement followed an earlier communique which said a black man and a woman killed in fighting Monday on the slopes of the Guazapa volcano were believed to be foreign journalists. The man has not been identified. The human rights commission,

denounced in the communique as an organisation "in the service of Marxism-Leninism", has frequently released details on the number of civilians murdered in El Salvador. It usually blamed the army or security forces.

Army spokesmen said Garcia Vilas, 42, had been identified by fingerprints.

The Armed Forces Press Committee (COPREFA) said she had been active in a campaign of disinformation by the commission before joining guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed government.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A7 ♠KQ1063 ♠AK83 ♠K5
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North

1 ♠ Dbl 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦K6 ♠J87 ♠AKQJ1054 ♠A
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A652 ♠AQ1073 ♠7 ♠KQ5
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East

What do you respond?

Millions of birds vanish mysteriously in Pacific

WASHINGTON (R) — More than 16 million birds have mysteriously vanished from the Pacific atoll of Christmas Island, the first recorded disappearance of an entire island adult bird population, a California scientist has said.

Ralph Schreiber, curator of ornithology at the National History Museum of Los Angeles county, said 14 million sooty terns, at least 1.5 million wedge-tailed shearwaters and one million birds of 16 other species had left their island home in the second half of 1982.

Thousands of the birds' nestlings had been left behind to die, he told Reuters Tuesday.

Dr. Schreiber, who has studied birds and mammals in the central Pacific for more than 15 years, said Christmas Island was teeming with birdlife when he visited it last July but was virtually deserted in August.

He said similar climatic changes had probably caused mass disappearances of birds from Pacific islands many times in the past, although they had never been recorded.

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They said more Soviet and Afghan troops were being redeployed including a Soviet column in Jalalabad, the provincial capital closest to the Pakistan border.

With winter snow melting, the guerrillas were also attacking Soviet road convoys and making sabotage raids, they said.

The diplomats, who have access to information from missions in Afghanistan, said most of Kabul was plunged into darkness on March 9 when power pylons were blown up along a line to the capital from a hydroelectricity station in the Kabul gorge.

Electricity shortages continued for the next four days and an oil-fired power station on the outskirts of Kabul took on an increased load using up precious fuel supplies.

Diplomatic sources in Pakistan said there were power cuts in Kabul in January after rebels cut power lines last December, and the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia reported more cuts last

month, blaming guerrillas.

The diplomats also said guerrillas early last month blew up a section of a pipeline carrying natural gas exports to the Soviet Union, but the damage was quickly repaired.

Rebels were also stepping up attacks on aviation targets. On March 6 a military transport plane had been shot down near Jalalabad, about 130 kilometres east of Kabul and 65 kilometres from the Pakistan border, with about 50 casualties, but there were no details of the number of dead, the diplomats said.

They said the main offices of Afghanistan's international airline, Ariana, had been bombed twice in the past month, but damage was slight. The offices adjoin the Kabul hotel where many senior Soviet advisers and military officers live.

Zia astonished

KARACHI (R) — President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq of Pakistan Tuesday described as astonishing an announcement by Bangladesh that it would normalise relations with the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan.

Pope raps injustices

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul II Wednesday sharply criticised foreign intervention in the Salvadorean Civil War and repeated his call for a peaceful end to social injustices in Central America.

Speaking at his first general audience since his return last Thursday from a nine-day tour of the region, the pontiff also renewed his attack on attempts to superimpose political objectives on the "evangelical content" of the Catholic Church.

His homily, delivered before an estimated 13,000 faithful gathered in the Vatican's audience

hall and St. Peter's basilica, summed up the lessons drawn from the most politically delicate mission of his much-travelled pontificate.

Clearly affected by the mass poverty and elite wealth that he witnessed in an eight-nation journey through one of the world's most troubled regions, the Pope demanded an end to inequality and denounced foreign meddling.

Central America's outdated social and economic systems "are unjust and must be changed by adequate reforms, observing the principles of social democracy," the Pope said.

Brazilian socialist stages dramatic political return

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazil's most prominent socialist, who fled a military coup in 1964 and spent the next 15 years in exile, completed an astonishing political comeback Tuesday when he was sworn in as governor of Rio de Janeiro State.

At a noisy and colourful ceremony here, Leonel Brizola, once the ruling generals' most hated and feared enemy, took charge of the country's second most important political power base for a four-year term.

The Communist Party newspaper said the authorities often filed away letters of complaint without taking any action or they sometimes even showed them to the persecutors who then took their revenge.

But it said the national constitution guaranteed the right to express grievances and officials who ignored complaints were failing to respect the democratic rights of the people.

U.S. arms dealer on bail

NEW YORK (R) — A fugitive arms dealer, extradited to the United States from Spain over the weekend, was ordered to be held on \$450,000 bail on federal arms dealing charges.

The defendant, Geroge Korkala, 43, is charged with attempting to sell guns, ammunition and coding devices to the government of

Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Levites said the Spanish government had agreed to extradite the defendant from Madrid on condition that he be re-tried on charges of selling 10,000 machine-guns and ammunition to undercover agents posing as Latin American revolutionaries in 1979.

Korkala and co-defendant Frank Terpil, a former CIA agent, jumped bail and were tried and sentenced in absentia in 1981 to jail terms of between 17 and 53 years.

Anti-rebel offensive said to be planned by Kabul

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan rebels have disrupted Kabul's electricity supplies for the third time this year as stepped-up fighting became more evident in Afghanistan, Western diplomats reported yesterday.

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